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**DOWN WITH CONSCRIPTION! CRY SLACKERS AT LONDON MEETING**

Anti-conscription meeting at Smithfield Market, London.

One of England's chief troubles since the outbreak of the war has been the inability of the government to secure enlistments from a large element of the population. "Slackers" is the name applied to these men who refuse to fight for their country. Following the announcement of the government that conscription would be resorted to if more voluntary enlistments were not secured, many anti-conscription mass meetings have been held, at which the slackers have been in great evidence. The accompanying picture was taken when the speaker asked all opposed to conscription to raise their hands.

**UNITED STATES MAY BREAK WITH AUSTRIA**

Prompt Reply Must Come from Latter County to Questions of the Former.

**WATSON**

Is Chosen Chairman of the Board of Directors of a Merged Concern.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Diplomatic relations with Austria-Hungary are in danger of being broken off by the United States unless the urgent demands of the American note to Vienna for a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona and reparation are complied with.

Furthermore it was stated Friday upon high authority the United States expects a prompt reply to its communication. Austria's delay in furnishing answers to the questions submitted to Baron Burian, minister of foreign affairs, by American Ambassador Penfield a few days after the Ancona went down has not served to ease the situation.

The foreign office, however, did inform Ambassador Penfield it desired more time to answer the inquiry, but American officials are unable to clearly understand why it is impossible for the Austro-Hungarian government to secure the information desired. It was understood that officials are certain that it has been possible for the Austrian government to communicate with the commander before now.

It had originally been planned not to send a note on the subject of the Ancona to Austria-Hungary before a reply to the inquiry submitted was received.

The United States desires, of course, to continue diplomatic relations and keep Mr. Penfield in Vienna, if it is possible.

**EXTRA GUARD.**

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11.—An extra guard was Friday placed around the plant of the Crucible Steel Company where a riot occurred Thursday during which striking shippers threw stones through office windows, but no further trouble was reported. Four men arrested yesterday were fined today. A fifth was discharged.

**ALLIES LEAVE SERBIA.**

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—According to information received in military quarters here the Anglo-French expedition in the Balkans has continued its retreat and has now entirely evacuated Serbian territory.

**WISCONSIN SENATOR FOR PREPAREDNESS**

Senator Paul O. Husting.

Senator Paul O. Husting of Wisconsin will be one of the members of the senate who will line up on the side of the president on preparedness, it is said. He has plans for certain other progressive legislation. Senator Husting was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, September 25, 1866. He is a lawyer by profession and was elected to the Wisconsin state senate in 1906 and 1910.

**LITTLE KANAWHA**

Railroad is Not Being Held for Any Other Than Lawful Purpose is the Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The Interstate Commerce Commission investigation of the Little Kanawha railroad at the request of the Senate failed to disclose that the road is being held for any other purpose than the transportation of passengers and property. It has been charged that the road, which runs from Parkersburg to Owenport, W. Va., had been held as a restraint of trade.

The commission's report to the Senate Friday says the road has been operated at a loss since 1906 and is for sale. It is owned by the Pittsburg and Lake Erie, the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio.

**PIGOTT QUALIFIES.**

Ernest L. Pigott has qualified as administrator of the estate of J. William Pigott with bond at \$10,000 and a few days is expected. Officials doubted if the Hopewell investigation would reveal anything upon which the federal government could take action.

**TO PROBE FIRE.**

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Chief Bielski, of the department of justice bureau of investigation has instructed his agents at Norfolk to proceed to Hopewell, Va., and make a thorough investigation of yesterday's fire. A report within a few days is expected. Officials doubted if the Hopewell investigation would reveal anything upon which the federal government could take action.

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**FRENCH TRADE**

Commission Members Visit a Number of Industrial Plants in City of Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 11.—Four members of the French trade commission sent to this country to inspect materials for the rehabilitation of France at the conclusion of the war arrived here Friday. They visited a number of local industrial plants during the day and expected to visit more tomorrow. They leave for Cincinnati tomorrow night.

**NEW PASTOR**

Of the Central Christian Church is Here to Enter upon His Duties.

The Rev. P. M. Baber, new pastor of the Central Christian church, has arrived here from Princeton, this state, and he will preach his first sermon as pastor of the church Sunday night. The Sunday morning service will be social.

The Rev. Dr. Baber is a graduate of Bethany College with A. B. and B. L. degrees. He has been in the ministry seven and one-half years, five and one-half of which have been at Princeton. He organized the work there.

Clarksville extends him warm welcome.

**HELD FOR GRAND JURY.**

Joseph Alonso, recently arrested with thirty-three quarts of liquor at the local railroad station by J. Walter Bee, of Parkersburg, deputy state commissioner of prohibition, has been held for the grand jury and jailed in default of bond by Magistrate William E. Starcher under a charge of violating the prohibition law.

**FINED FOR STEALING RIDE.**

A young man giving the name of Albert Tozer, of Parkersburg, was fined \$5 and costs Friday by Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner for stealing a ride on a train in the local railroad yards. In default of payment he was remanded to jail for ten days, but he told the court he would soon be able to raise the fine and costs.

**UNFILLED TONNAGE.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on November 30 totaled 7,189,489 tons, an increase of 1,024,937 tons over October.

**ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.**

A marriage license has been issued to Warren W. Flowers and Hazel B. Hurst.

**GUARDIAN QUALIFIES.**

Homer F. Beedy has qualified as guardian of Twibell Beedy with bond at \$200 and Frank R. Moore surety.

**FLOOD OF BILLS.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Although the big presses of the government printing office are running day and night the printing of all the bills which flooded the House and Senate on the opening day of the session has not been completed. It is expected the task will be finished today.

**TRIAL CONTINUED.**

In the criminal court here trial of the paternity case of Della Robey against Benjamin Orr has been continued until December 22.

**JURY DISAGREES.**

A criminal court jury was discharged from the case against Hayden Cork Thursday evening disagreed. He was tried on a charge of having had liquor in the streets of Stealey Heights.

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**NEW MATERIAL ON THE LIFE OF ABE LINCOLN**

Is Brought Out in an Address before State Historical Society by Stevens.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Dec. 11.—New material on the life of Abraham Lincoln was brought out in an address before the State Historical Society of Missouri by Walter B. Stevens, of St. Louis, former Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and later secretary of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

Mr. Stevens' theme was "Lincoln and Missouri," and he made public, possibly for the first time, a letter which President Lincoln sent to General Steele, whose military district included the state of Arkansas. The letter is dated January 20, 1864, and said Mr. Stevens in his address, "is an answer to the historical controversy as to the course Mr. Lincoln would have pursued had he lived out his second term."

Bixby Has Letter. The original of the letter is now in the collection of W. K. Bixby, of St. Louis.

"In his letter," said Mr. Stevens, "the president authorized the organization of a state government by an election on the condition 'that it be assumed at said election, and thenceforward, that the constitution and laws of the state, as before the rebellion, are in full force, excepting that there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in the punishment of crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted; but the general assembly may make such provision for the freed people as shall recognize and declare their permanent freedom, provide for their education, and which may yet be consistent, as a temporary arrangement, with their present condition as a laboring, landless and homeless class.'"

"The language as to freedom," said Mr. Stevens, "is the same as was incorporated in the thirteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States nearly two years after this letter was written by Mr. Lincoln. General Steele was ordered to proceed with the election, allowing all to vote who would take the oath of allegiance prescribed in the president's proclamation of December 8, 1863. Polls were to be opened and the election on this change in the constitution and for governor was to be conducted in accordance with the laws of Arkansas. General Steele was instructed to have the votes counted and to regulate the new governor and to declare the constitution as amended in effect."

Pledge is Made. "In his own words, written by himself, the president expressed his purpose to make the way for the Confederate states to get back into the union simple and expeditious. Nothing was said about negro suffrage. Mr. Lincoln pledged himself to accept 'any provisions which may be adopted by such state govern-

ment in relation to the freed people of such state which shall recognize and declare their permanent freedom, provide for their education, and which may yet be consistent as a temporary arrangement with their present condition as a laboring, landless and homeless class.'"

The address of Mr. Stevens began with the conference between Lincoln and Francis P. Blair, of St. Louis, at Springfield, Ill., in April, 1867, and closed with the message Lincoln sent through Blair to General Joseph G. Shelby and the Missouri Confederates, a few weeks before the surrender of Lee. In the letter to General Shelby, said Mr. Stevens, Lincoln offered the aid of the federal government to the Mississippi river to march to Mexico and John Juarez who was fighting the French under Maximilian.

"The relationship between Lincoln and Missouri was continuous from the conference with Blair in 1857 to the message sent Shelby in 1867," said Mr. Stevens. "It was intimate. It had a deciding influence upon national politics. It had no small part in the fortunes of the Civil war."

"In the spring of 1860 came fruition of the Lincoln and Missouri relationship. Following at once upon the defeat of Lincoln in 1858 for the senatorship, the organization to control the presidential nomination was started. Into the movement entered a personality not publicly conspicuous at the time but of great force under cover."

"Blair and the younger men were in the forefront carrying the banners of free soil, free democracy, gradual emancipation, white labor, colonization and the like."

"In the background was Edward Bates, counselling and encouraging. He had seen the Whig party go to pieces. He was in sympathy with the work of new party construction which Lincoln was doing in Illinois. He was not openly active in the Lincoln movement. He was the wise adviser. When the time came to send a delegation from Missouri to the Republican nominating convention at Chicago, Mr. Bates permitted his name to be used as the ostensible candidate of his state."

"The delegation went instructed for him, but as Mr. Bates afterwards explained, this was not with the expectation or his or the delegation's part that he would be nominated. The well understood purpose was to hold the delegation intact against an eastern candidate. Lincoln was the choice of the Missourians and the vote was to be given him when it would do the most good. The 'border states' plan, which Blair and the other gradual emancipationists had been organizing, was not to be revealed by publicly committing Missouri to Lincoln."

"Frank Blair made the trip to Springfield, Ill., between the election in November and the departure of Lincoln for Washington in February. He kept the president-elect informed of every step in the game that was being on for the possession of the St. Louis arsenal with its 60,000 muskets and munitions of war, more than there was in all of the other slave states. He told Mr. Lincoln that if the southern rights administration of Missouri gained control of the arsenal and its contents the state would be carried into the Confederacy and with Missouri the other border states would be lost."

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**SHOTS FIRED**

By a French Cruiser Holding the American Steamship Coama Thursday.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 11.—Four blank shots and two solid shots were fired by the French cruiser Des Cartes in holding the American steamship Coama Thursday.

A French lieutenant, who boarded the Coama, said orders had been given to take all subjects of Germany and its allies from ship's crews beginning December 8 and to take all such persons from among the passengers after December 18.

**LIQUOR**

Can No Longer Be Carried as Personal Baggage on the Western Maryland.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 11.—An injunction restraining the Baltimore and Ohio and the Western Maryland railroads from allowing passengers in this state to carry intoxicating liquors in their personal baggage when labeled as such was awarded Friday by Judge F. M. Reynolds on petition of Fred O. Blue, state prohibition commissioner. A similar injunction was granted Wednesday against the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad.

**SHINNISTON CITY ELECTION.**

The first election under the new charter granted the city of Shinniston by the last legislature will be held on January 9, 1916, when a mayor, recorder and two councilmen from each of the four wards of the city will be elected. The call for the election was issued at a recent meeting of the city council.

**NO BASIS FOR CHARGE.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—No basis for the charge that the United States Steel Corporation has received enormous rebates from railroads in the last six years has been found in the Interstate Commerce Commission's investigation. A report was submitted to the Senate Friday.

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